Al Ahram Says Hijacking Harms Guerrilla Cause

CAIRO, Sept. 8 (UPI)—The semiofficial Cairo newspaper, Al Ahram, said today that the hijacking of four airliners by Arab guerrillas tended to turn world opinion against the Palestinian cause.

"One of the main goals of the battle is to gain world public opinion on the side of the Palestinian struggle and not to lose it," Al Ahram said.

"It is evident that the attack on international civil aviation does not encourage world feeling of solidarity with the Palestine cause," it said. "On the contrary, it incites a feeling of criticism in the ordinary man."

Al Ahram said the Vietnamese people fought heroic battles against the United States and what Al Ahram called its huge military institutions, but, "at no time did the Vietnamese fighters use the hijacking of civilian aircraft as one of their methods."

This method of the Vietnamese has won them world support, Al Ahram said.

Al Akhbar Agrees

CAIRO, Sept. 9 (Reuters)—Guerrilla hijackers caused Arabs grievous loss of world public opinion by their weekend exploits, the newspaper Al Akhbar said today.

Worldwide reaction to the hijackings "reflects the denunciation and disgust of people against those who carry out such acts," wrote the editor, Moussa Sabry. Compared with this, release of Palestinian commandos by Switzerland and West Germany would be a limited gain, he said.

Pan Am Ad in Beirut: 747 'Easiest to Catch'

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Sept. 8 (Reuters)—"How to Catch a 747" was the headline on a Pan American World Airways advertisement today in The Daily Star of Beirut. The airline's hijacked jumbo jet refueled here Sunday before flying to Cairo, where it exploded.

The advertisement said: "The 747 is the finest specimen in the air. But oddly enough it's becoming just about the easiest to catch. And you won't have to go sneaking up on it if you're in Europe on the way to the U.S.A."